(b) the details of funds to be allocated for the State under this scheme during the current financial year; and

(c) the step being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) The details of Central Loan Assistance (CLA) released under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) to Government of Assam during the last three years for their irrigation projects is as under :—

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	CLA released
1997-98	12.4
1998-99	13.95
1999-2000	14.54

(b) and (c) The State Government have so far not submitted their proposal for allocation of CLA under AIBP during the current financial year i.e. 2000-2001.

Restructuring of Brahmaputra Board

3954. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the annual allocation and utilization of funds by the Brahmaputra Board;

(b) the cadre-wise manpower, vacancies in the Brahmaputra Board indicating the date and likely time of filling those posts;

(c) the details of proposals to activate the Board including new assignments, technology and manpower upgradation to suit requirements for Brahmaputra and Barak control;

(d) whether Government agree the Board should be restructured into an effective implementing agency; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals to develop a well-equipped silt and erosion control river taming machinery till large dams are completed in distant future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) The annual allocation and utilization of funds by Brahmaputra Board is as under :—

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Allocation of fund	Expenditure
1992-93	8.08	8.29
1993-94	8.15	9.20
1994-95	9.26	8.91
1995-96	9.26	9.39
1996-97	9.63	9.00
1997-98	12.55	12.54
1998-99	12.99	14.67
1999-2000	18.97	16.30

(b) The total sanctioned posts are 664 nos. Out of these as on date there are 40 nos. of vacancies as per the details given below :—

Name of the post		Sanctioned strength	Vacancy position
1.	Statutory Post	7	3
2.	Engineering Cadre	222	18
3.	Ministerial Cadre	156	10
4.	Accounts Cadre	30	-
5.	Tech. (Drawing) Cadre	34	2
6.	Scientific Cadre	1	1
7.	Skilled (Driver) Cadre	53	2
8.	Group-D Cadre	161	4
		664	40

Statutory posts have been downgraded with a view to get them filled up at the earliest. Other vacancies keep occurring from time to time and efforts are made to fill them up as per norms in vogue.

(c) to (e) The Brahmaputra Board has been concentrating in preparing Master Plans and conducting surveys and investigations for preparing Detailed Project Reports for major projects in Brahmaputra and Barak Valley. The Government of India has now decided to activate the Brahmaputra Board to make its functioning more effective and broad based for implementing flood management projects such as Pagladiya Dam Project and Drainage Development Schemes.

Construction of Dams in Himachal Pradesh

3955. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of dams which are being planned in Himachal Pradesh during the next five years;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made in this behalf with the details of the places etc; and

(c) the manner in which Government plan to raise resources for such dams ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, Irrigation Projects are surveyed, planned, investigated and executed by the State Governments themselves as per their own priorities and out of their own resources. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has submitted detailed project reports in respect of one Multiple-purpose Project and nine Hydro Electric Projects envisaging construction of dams for clearance of the Centre.

Closing of Orissa lift Irrigation Scheme

3956. SHRI GANDHI AZAD : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank reports have suggested to close down the Orissa Lift Irrigation as the organisation is sustaining annual loss of Rs. 40 crores; and